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THE LOAN COMMITTEE

The Ladies of St. Georges Hundred Are Hustling For Funds

A VERY INTERESTING MEETING

A meeting of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee for St. Georges hundred was held at headquarters in the Delaware Trust Company Building Saturday, March 30th, at 2:00 p.m., P. M. The chairman, Mrs. Clarence Pool, presided over the meeting. After a few introductory remarks the chairman requested the secretary to read the following:

"WOMEN OF DELAWARE."

"To you a plea for freedom,

"To you a plea for work."

Two letters, one from the State chairman, Mrs. Ridley, and one from Mrs. Howard A. Pool, chairman for rural New Castle county, were read. Another article, entitled, "On Urgent War Duty," left no doubts in the minds of all present as to women's parts in this third big Liberty Loan Drive.

The chair then introduced Mr. Edward Ladly, chairman of the Men's Liberty Loan Committee for St. Georges hundred who gave an outline of the work the men were to do, and told us how the women were to co-operate with the men. After Mr. Ladly had concluded, Mrs. Pool read a folder containing information in regard to selling the Bonds and explaining the safety of such an investment. She also impressed the committee upon keeping a daily record of sales made, and to Think—Talk—and Sell.

The following is the list of names of the Woman's Liberty Loan committee for St. Georges hundred:

Mrs. Mary S. Pool, chairman, McDonough.

Mrs. Edward M. Vaughan, Secretary, Middletown.

Miss Mary Hutchins, Publicity, Middletown.

Mrs. George Kohl, Middletown.

Miss Charlotte Peverly, Middletown.

Mrs. Edith Cochran, Middletown.

Mrs. Clara B. Green, Middletown.

Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Middletown.

Mrs. Malcolm Cochran, Middletown.

Mrs. John C. Green, Middletown.

Mrs. Dorsey W. Lewis, Middletown.

Miss Jessie C. Shepherd, Middletown.

Mrs. Martin B. Burris, Middletown.

Miss Laura Willits, Middletown.

Miss Josephine Biggs, Middletown.

Mrs. Frank Watkins, Odessa.

Mrs. James Shallcross, Odessa.

Mrs. James Warren, Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. J. Frank Eliason, Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Lavinia Lynch, Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. George Crossland, Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. William McCrone, McDonough.

Mrs. P. Earl Pleasanton, McDonough.

Mrs. Leland Pleasanton, McDonough.

Mrs. Wallace Kane, Summit Bridge.

Miss Lillian McMullin, Delaware City.

Miss Eva Vandegrift, Delaware City.

Mrs. William B. McMullin, 3rd Port Penn.

Found After Three Years

Three years ago, while visiting at the home of her brother, Captain W. E. Lee, who for several years was a resident of this town, Mrs. William Ridgeway of Atlantic City, N. J., lost a diamond clasp bracelet, valued at \$300, in the bathroom of the home. A plumber was secured and a thorough search made in the plumbing of the bathroom, and the cesspool for receiving the drainage was cleaned but with no success and the bracelet was given up lost.

Tuesday William Brinkley, a colored man, who had been engaged to again clean the cesspool, found the bracelet at the bottom of the pool. It was returned to the owner and the colored man was well rewarded for his honesty.

Library Loan Parade

Plans are completed for the Liberty Loan drive, and it will open here this (Saturday) afternoon. An automobile parade will take place, and a brass band has been engaged to accompany the parade to all of the towns of St. Georges hundred. It is hoped to have Josiah Marvel make an address.

The parade will form at the New Century Club Building at 12:30 and will move at 1 o'clock sharp. The route will be to Mt. Pleasant, Port Penn, McDonough and finish at Odessa. Every owner of an automobile in the vicinity has been asked to join in making the parade the biggest thing ever undertaken here. Edwin E. Shalcross is chairman of the demonstration committee. All mothers having sons in the service are to be taken in special cars, with service flags displayed.

FOR SALE—Chestnut fence and gate posts for wire fence.

JAMES JARRELL,
Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE—Maine grown seed potatoes at Evans' feed store.

FOR RENT—Dwelling house on Lake street.

FOGEL & BURSTAN.

FOR SALE—I have just received one of the nicest homes and best locations in Delaware City. Also, two more farms of 125 and 239 acres. Write or come see me.

JOHN HELDMYER, JR.
Real Estate Broker,
North Broad St.,
Middletown, Del.

ODESSA

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Watkins are visiting at Atlantic City.

Epworth League on Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Miss Naomi Morgan, of near Newark spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Lillian Craig and son have been visiting relatives in Chester Pa.

Mr. William Turner and family were visitors to Glascon on Sunday.

Mrs. A. M. Williams, of Philadelphia, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Lee Sparks.

Miss Florence Carrow, of Spring City, Pa., visited her brother Dr. Joseph Carrow.

Corporal Robert Heller, of Camp Dix, N. J. spent Sunday last with his parents here.

Miss Katherine Krumm, of Philadelphia visited Mrs. John Fieldmyer on Sunday.

Miss Edith Bacon, of New Jersey, has been the guest of Mr. Joan Watkins and family.

Mr. Frank Tucker, of Wilmington, visited his mother Mrs. Sarah Tucker on Sunday.

Mr. Raymond Yearsley and wife, of Port Penn, visited relatives in town on Sunday.

Miss Grace McLaury, of near Wilmington, spent the Easter holidays at her home.

Misses Viola and Isabella Smith, of Middletown, visited Miss Blanche Wiest on Saturday last.

Rev. H. C. Shipley and family left on Wednesday for Onancock Virginia his new charge.

Miss Reba Thornton and Miss Ruth Shockley, of Marcus Hook, spent Sunday with their parents.

Miss Frances Davis, of Richmond Va., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davis.

CHRISTMAS BOXES RECEIVED

The following letter from away off Haiti reached us on Tuesday and will explain itself. Accompanying the letter were two photographs of the "boys" in the act of opening their individual boxes.

ONANAMINTHE, HAITI.

February 8, 1918.

To the Editor:—We wish to express our appreciation to the ladies of Middletown, Del., through your paper for the Christmas boxes which they sent to the 54th Co. Marines, now in Onanamintre, Haiti. Each man received an individual box with his name on it and they contained very useful articles, such as toilet supplies and writing paper, etc.

The 54th Company has been here in Onanamintre for a year and the life is very monotonous as there are no places of amusement in this town, and by each man receiving a box it took our minds back to the days when Santa Claus used to come down the chimney and we forgot that we were in Haiti. The ladies also sent us some of the latest records for our victrola and the way the machine was used was a shame. The Marines of the 54th will always have a soft spot in their hearts for Middletown, Del., and when we go over the top we will remember the Christmas which came February the 3rd, as the best one of our lives. Am enclosing two photos, No. 1 was taken while the boys were receiving the boxes, and No. 2 a bunch after opening their boxes. You will see by their smiles that everyone was happy. Please publish this as soon as you receive it as it will be rather late.

County Assessment

Total assessment in New Castle county for 1918-1919 will amount to \$130,000,000, it is believed by members of the County Board of Assessment, which began Monday, final revision of the assessment books. The time for final appeals expired Saturday. On May 1, the board will deliver the books to the Levy Court which will then fix the county tax rate for the next fiscal year.

The total assessed valuation for 1918 was \$89,922,208. It was hoped by the assessors that 1918-1919 assessment would be \$50,000,000 more than the 1917-1918 assessment, but the excess is likely to be but \$40,000,000.

The county tax at present is 95 cents on the \$100 in Wilmington and \$1.35, including 40 cents road tax in the rural part of the county. For the next fiscal year the tax rate, if reduced in proportion to the increase of assessment should be 65 cents on the \$100 in Wilmington and \$1.05, including 40 cents road tax, in the rural part of the county.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Many Condensed News Items of the Past Week

IN THIS AND NEARBY POINTS

The work of spraying trees has begun.

The prospect for a big crop of fruit is good.

Don't live too much for yourself there are others who want to live too.

There is nothing funny about a toothache, even if it is acute pain.

Daylight saving, under the law of Congress, was inaugurated April 1st.

Our farmers and gardeners are anxious to get to work with their spring planting.

Mrs. John D. Gill entertained the members of the U. T. C. Sewing circle at her home Monday evening.

There is always room in the world for sunny people. A cheerful smile or a kind word often does more good than a sermon.

It will not do to assume that cold weather is over merely because spring has arrived. There may be much more of it than will be comfortable.

President Wilson urges schools to have a regiment in the volunteer war garden army. This is expected to raise \$5,000,000,000 of produce this year.

Never before was there such necessity for buying War Savings and Thrift Stamps as now. Every twenty-five cents so expended means a great help for our soldier boys across the water, fighting that there might be a world-wide peace.

Sudier H. King and Walter Money left here last Friday morning for Columbus, Ohio, to drive in two Ford touring cars for H. A. Burris, the local agent. This is a part of a drive of the 75 Fords and the first of the season several larger drive-aways are expected during the season from various western cities.

Odessa Red Cross

Don't forget the date April 10th 3 P. M. all members of the Odessa Red Cross are urged to be on hand business of importance, election of officers, year's report, and collection of dues for 1918. Our collectors will call on you before that date.

Our hospital shirts are not moving out very fast we do not want to be behind the number asked for April. Come help us. At the Convention in Wilmington last week Delaware was asked to make 20,000 front line packages, and if our state keeps up to its good record some more people must work. If you can't make hospital garments come to the Liberty Loan. The campaign opens April 6th and closes April 30th. If you are desirous of subscribing to this Third Loan—please give your subscriptions to the Boy Scouts who will place your Loan with either bank you desire. The Scout getting ten bonds from as many individuals is entitled to a War Emblem Medal from the U. S. Government for his efforts. Help the Scouts, help your country win Liberty and Righteousness for the World!

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES

April 7th. The First Sunday after Easter. (Low Sunday.) Services: 10:30, Morning Prayer and Sermon.

11:45, Sunday School Session, 7:30, Evening Prayer and Address.

MEETINGS

The Parish Guild will meet on Thursday afternoon, at the Rectory, at two o'clock.

The stated monthly meeting of the Parish Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary will be held at the Rectory on Friday afternoon, at half past two.

The meeting of the newly elected Vestry of St. Anne's Parish, will be held at the Rectory, on Tuesday evening: WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN ELECTED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

At the Annual Parish and Vestry meeting held in the Parish House on Easter Monday the following gentlemen were elected to serve St. Anne's Parish for the ensuing year: M. N. Willets, Senior Warden; J. B. Foard, Junior Warden; Vestrymen, J. Gaylord Bragdon, G. V. Peverly, Joseph Biggs, William D. Bradford, William G. Lockwood, Frederick Brady, Joseph Hanson.

SUNDAYS AFTER EASTER

There are five Sundays after Easter, falling within the great forty days that come between our Lord's Resurrection and His Ascension. Between His rising from the tomb and ascending from Mount Olivet to the skies, He passed forty days, appearing at times to His disciples, and giving them those instructions which should prepare them to organize His Church, and go abroad upon their missions to the world. The first of these Sundays is called Low Sunday because it was a custom among the ancients, upon the first Sunday after Easter day, to repeat some parts of the solemnity of that great festival; whence this Sunday took the name of Low Sunday, being celebrated as a feast, though of a lower degree than Easter day itself.

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NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

Great German Drive Slowed Up and Allied Counter-Thrust Seems at Hand.

AMIENS THE HUN'S OBJECTIVE

British Speedily Check Diversion Attack on Arras—French Stubbornly Hold Line on Oise—Americans Acquit Themselves Well—Ukrainians and Bolsheviks Re-capture Odessa.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.
Another week of the bloodiest kind of fighting failed to bring to the Germans the real victory on which they had so confidently counted, for though the British and French armies had been forced to yield further territory, their lines were unbroken and their spirits undaunted. As the German military authorities, General Ardenne, says, it is not the capture of territory that can bring a decision, but only a victory over and through the shattering of the enemy's armies. So far from being shattered, the allied forces, weary and battered as they are, are full of confidence, and as this is written are but awaiting the opportune moment to strike back with the big army of maneuver which was placed at the disposal of the supreme war council.

Amiens, a most important link in the British line of communications, appeared to be the real objective of the Germans, and they were able during the week to push forward toward that city, along the line of the Somme, as far as Hamel, and a little farther north they took Albert and were holding it against fierce counter-attacks by the British. To the south they had pushed a salient forward a little beyond Montdidier, but there the French came back at them with such elan that they were checked and lost several commanding positions. East of this sector the French troops held stubbornly to their lines along the Oise and on Thursday attacked dashingly south of Noyon and drove the enemy back two miles at the point of the bayonet. It was along this east and west base of the German salient that the allied world expected the great counter-thrust of the army of maneuver to be made. Any considerable advance to the north there it was pointed out, would force the Germans to draw back to save their lines of communication, which already are so badly stretched out that they have great difficulty in bringing up artillery and food.

What looked like a diversion rather than a serious threat was the attack of the Huns in the middle of the week at the northern extremity of the line of battle toward Arras. There the British, after giving some ground, repulsed the enemy with terrible slaughter. Presumably this thrust at Arras was made to keep the British from sending men and guns to the sector where their lines join those of the French, but it was so quickly blocked that it failed of its purpose. Extraordinarily bold and successful was the work of the British and French aviators. In their low-flying battle planes they flew in swarms continuously over the battlefields and back of the German lines, playing havoc with the enemy's transports and inflicting heavy casualties in his reserves. Battles in the air were innumerable, but the allied airmen maintained the upper hand always. The artillerymen also distinguished themselves, sticking to their firing to the last moment and usually saving their guns when forced to fall back.

On the whole, the developments of the week were such as to restore confidence among the allies, for though the situation was still critical, it seemed that Premier Clemenceau was right when he said that whatever might happen in the next few days, the enemy could not win the path to the sea nor the path to Paris.

Just what part the American troops have been playing in the Somme battle

had not been made clear at the time of writing, but testimony to their excellent fighting was given by a wounded French captain who arrived in Paris. "Entirely new in this warfare," said he, "the Americans worked like the best veterans."

Some of Pershing's men, at least, were moved over to the sectors left by French troops who were sent farther west to stem the German advance. In their own sector near Toul they had a rather lively week of it, for the German artillery shelled them continuously and seemed to be preparing for an infantry attack. The American guns made effective response, and on occasion drenched the enemy positions with gas shells.

There were increasing evidences during the week that the Italian front is to be the scene of another Teuton drive. Airplane observers reported that heavy re-enforcements to the Austrian forces were being brought up daily from the Roumanian front, together with numerous new pieces of heavy artillery. In the mountain section the artillery duels grew in intensity, and everything pointed toward an early effort to break through to the plains in that region. It was supposed the Austrians believed the Italians would be dispirited by the German successes.

The "miracle gun" with which the Germans have been shelling Paris from a distance of 76 miles turns out to be a product of the Krupp works, as is proved by the kaiser's message to Doctor Krupp von Bohlen and Halbach congratulating him on the success of the new weapon. A German ordnance authority says these extraordinary guns are merely being tested on Paris and have been built for the purpose of bombing London.

Another considerable victory was scored last week by the British forces in Mesopotamia, the entire Turkish army in the Hit area being captured or destroyed. In Palestine Allenby's men continued their advance beyond the Jordan, approaching the Hedjaz railway on which they heavily bombed troop transport trains.

The revolt of the Russians against the brutal pillaging of the Germans who have penetrated their country is beginning to bear fruit. Troops of the Ukrainian rada are co-operating with the Bolshevik forces and already have recaptured Odessa after a bloody battle, in which naval forces took part. Before that the red guards and armed civilians had retaken Kherson, Nikolayev and Znamenka from the Germans. In some places the peasants killed the German soldiers who were taking away their foodstuffs. The Ukrainians were angered by attempts of the Germans to go far beyond the terms of the peace treaty and strip the country of its stores of grain and sugar. It is said a council of German officers decided to continue operations in Ukraine until the power of the Bolsheviks there had been eliminated.

Trotzky, speaking in Moscow, declared Russia will never be an enslaved country, though the Soviet government is now weak and poor. He said they would introduce compulsory military training for the workmen and peasants and create an army of 300,000 men within eight or ten weeks. The allies still stand ready to support all elements within Russia which will oppose the German invasion.

However, as Gilbert K. Chesterton says, it is plain that the Bolshevik philosophy does not prevent a man from fighting; it only prevents him from winning.

Probably it was inevitable that politics should enter into the debates and doings of congress this year, but it has taken a particularly unfortunate turn owing to the senatorial election in Wisconsin. The president, because of his effort to bring about the election of Mr. Davies, is accused by the Republicans of going out of his way to confuse partisanship with loyalty, and for this he was attacked by Senator Snout and others, who assert the Republicans have not sought to secure party advantage from the war. Senator Williams really started this row by a speech in which he charged that revelations of the failure of the airplane program and of the backwardness of shipbuilding were "poisoned gas" directed by the Republicans against the administration. This was

antis engaged in aiding the wounded, and as a result the men of the hospital units have ceased to wear distinguishing insignia.

The confession of a German officer taken prisoner led to the information that the medical men of the American forces have been marked for death by the Prussians.

The German officer several days after an operation on a shattered leg asked the privilege of talking alone with the American surgeon. His request was granted, and he warned his

COUNTER-ATTACK TO TURN THE TIDE

Allies' Maneuver Army Now to Enter Fight.

GERMAN PROGRAM DEFEATED

Great Counter Is Now Awaited Washington Waits Confidently For Next Step In The Battle.

Washington.—The crisis of the great German offensive has passed. The British army which has faced the ferocious onslaughts of the vast Teuton war machine has weathered the storm. Failure will mark the enemy campaign and the frightful losses he has sustained will be utterly in vain.

This is the substance of the most comforting information which has reached Washington in seven days, information which has come from the highest British sources and has been transmitted to equally high officials of this Government. The Ministry in London did not express these assurances, it may be noted, as a result of one day's or two days' fighting. It did not rush to any conclusion regarding the operations in France. On the contrary, the British Government waited until it could speak with a sense of sureness before it undertook to speak at all.

It may be added, coincidentally, that the unofficial dispatches from the battle field today tend strongly to bear out the official communication which has reached the American Government.

These dispatches show very clearly that the drive has lost its initial momentum; that Germany is fast exhausting her reserves; that, with the lengthening of the German line of communication and supply, enemy artillery has become less effective, and that on the whole, it has become measurably certain that Germany might not force that breach in the British line for which this offensive was undertaken.

And these unofficial messages are exactly to the same effect as the official dispatches, except that the latter did not deal in detail and did not say more than that the British army had passed safely through the most momentous crisis of the war with the single exception of the Marine.

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FOCH SUPREME ON WESTERN FRONT

President Wilson Sends His
'Congratulations.'

PERSHING OFFERS ARMY

Places Whole American Force In
France And Those To Follow
Command Of General
Foch.

Washington.—Official information has reached Washington that General Foch, the French Chief of Staff, has been appointed to supreme command of all the Allied and American forces in France.

This means unification of all the armies opposing the Germans, a step which the American and French military men long have urged, and which apparently has been brought about by recognition of the imperative demand for concentration effort to hurl back the gigantic thrust of the enemy in France.

President has been officially advised of the action and he sent a cablegram to General Foch congratulating him "on his new authority."

The first hint of the historic development came in cable dispatches telling how General Pershing had placed the American Expeditionary Forces at the disposal of the French commander. This was confirmed in a message from General Pershing to the War Department. The message, made public by Major-General March, Acting Chief of Staff, follows:

"Have made all our resources available and our divisions will be used if and when needed. French are in fine spirit and both armies seem confident."

There was no mention in the Pershing dispatch of the new authority given General Foch, and War Department officials were speculating over the reasons for the absence of any official announcement. Some still were inclined to believe that the French general had been placed in command only of the "Army of Maneuver," the reserve force composed of contingents from all the Allied Armies created after the formation of the Supreme War Council.

In his message to General Foch President Wilson said:

"May I not convey to you my sincere congratulations on your new authority? Such unity of command is a most hopeful augury of ultimate success. We are following with profound interest the bold and brilliant action of your forces."

The news of the appointment of General Foch, one of the heroes of the Marne, to supreme command gave rise instantly to suggestions that the presence of Secretary Baker in Europe was connected with the development. Mr. Baker first visited France and conferred at length with French officials and with General Bliss, American Chief of Staff, attached to the Supreme War Council and General Pershing. There followed a brief trip to London just as the great German drive was starting, after which the American War Secretary hastened back to France.

Many observers now surmise that Mr. Baker was sent to Europe particularly to urge the co-ordination of all Allied armies under a single commander. Such is known to have been President Wilson's desire when his urging caused the creation of the Supreme War Council. Some measure of co-ordination was secured through that body, but any plan for appointment of a supreme commander with authority over all the armies, French, British, Italian and American, met with strong opposition in England.

HOUSE PASSES FARMERS' BILL.

Provides For Loans To Purchase Seed
Grain.

Washington.—Relief for farmers who raise wheat, corn, rye, oats or barley and who are unable to purchase seed this year, would be provided in a bill just passed by the House. It would supply a fund of \$7,500,000 from which to lend farmers money to buy seed and would give the Secretaries of Agriculture and Labor \$2,500,000 to mobilize labor for the harvest this year. The bill originally gave relief to farmers in the spring wheat belt and stipulated that only wheat, oats and barley seed might be included. After a bitter fight it was amended to make it applicable to the whole country. Much opposition also developed to efforts to include corn and oats.

TAR AND FEATHERS FOR I. W. W.

Secretary Of Washington State Local
Given Treatment.

Bellingham, Wash.—Ten masked men took J. Dietz, secretary of the Industrial Workers of the World local at Sedro Woolley, from his room and in a public street coated him with tar and feathers. Dietz was warned to leave, but was found this morning and taken to Mount Vernon by the county authorities.

COMMISSION FOR YOUNG TAFT.

Son Of Former President Recommended
For Promotion.

The American Army in France.—Sgt. Maj. Charles P. Taft, son of former President William H. Taft, has been recommended through the regular military channels for promotion to a commissioned officer. Sergeant Major Taft, who has been at the front for some time, is said to have proved himself an efficient non-commissioned officer and to have qualifications for a commission.

"MUST STRIP FOR ACTION"

General March Thus Interprets
Call From France.

Save Ships For Army And Supplies—
Every Man Possible To Be Hurried
Over In Shortest
Time.

Washington.—"We must strip for action."

That was the official warning of Acting Chief of Staff March in the light of pressing appeals from England, France, General Pershing and elsewhere for more ship space for troops and army freight.

In a statement explaining an order cutting down parcel shipments to soldiers March said that "a most urgent war necessity" required limitation of such shipments. At present they take up 250 tons of shipping space a week. Hereafter parcels will be sent only on the soldier's request. This limitation of ship space, announced recently is in line with March's policy of getting every available man to France in the shortest possible time. It also complies with Lloyd George's appeal for hurrying reinforcements to the beleaguered west front.

The restriction and other economies being effected. Hurrying of National Army units across is one of the means of furnishing quick and able backing to the Allies.

France some weeks ago first urged the movement and England has now added her plea in a message to the British Ambassador, and communicated to this Government. And General Leonard Wood is anxious to have men hurried across with less training on this side than was accorded the first draft men.

Wood suggests that slow ships be segregated in convoys. At present ships of varying speeds are guarded by speedy destroyers and the whole convoy must be tuned down to accommodate the slowest ship. Segregation of the slower ships would tend to speed up the general troop movement, Wood believes.

Council To Straighten Kinks.

President Wilson's informal "war council" is seeking to straighten out kinks in the war machine to the end that there shall be:

Less railroad congestion.
More speed in ship construction.
Better facilities for handling fuel and food situations.

Increased activity from the War Industries and War Trade Boards.

And, as a whole, more effective prosecution of the war.

This council, with Secretary Daniels and Provost Marshal-General Crowder added, will meet each Wednesday. And with the need for troops more pressing than ever before, it will seek to find the remedies for ill which have plagued and clogged the war machine hitherto.

MEATLESS DAYS HALT.

Suspension Of Order For 30 Days Due
To Oversupply Of Hogs.

Washington.—Suspension of the meatless day regulations for 30 days, beginning Saturday, was ordered by the Food Administration in instructions telegraphed to all State Food Administrators.

Temporary relaxation of the restrictions was decided upon because thousands of hogs now coming into the market had increased the meat supply beyond the country's shipping and storage capacity. In a statement announcing the order Food Administrator Hoover expressed confidence that the producers would not take advantage of the "holiday" to ask more than fair prices, and that "the packers and retailers will have sense enough to realize that this is not to be a holiday of high prices."

MATURE LOOKS FATAL.

Boy Under Draft Age Jailed For 202
Days.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Just because he looks to be 25, but in fact is only 20 years old, Murphy Cutrer, of Shreveport, La., has spent 202 days since June 5 last in jails on charges of being a draft slacker. Cutrer has just been released from his latest trouble after having been in the Marion county jail 20 days. He was first arrested in Fredonia, Kan., and held for 120 days. Then he spent 56 days in another jail on similar charges. In each case he was able to prove he lacked one day of being 21 on Registration Day.

SHELL KILLS AMERICAN WOMAN.

Californian Was Y. M. C. A. Canteen
Worker At French Front.

Paris.—Miss Marion G. Crandell, of Alameda, Cal., has been killed by the explosion of a shell in the "French soldiers' fire-side" at the French front, where she was engaged as a canteen worker for the Young Men's Christian Association.

BAKER GOING TO ITALY.

Ambassador Page Goes To Paris To
Meet Him.

Rome.—Thomas Nelson Page, the American Ambassador, has left Rome to meet Secretary of War Baker and accompany him on a visit to the Italian front.

FARMERS MUST SELL WHEAT.

National Food Administration Sets
May 1 And 15 As Dates.

Washington.—Following charges that German farmers in this country are holding wheat, the Food Administration set May 1 and 15 as the dates upon which residue wheat should be marketed. Southern and Middle States farmers are urged to sell all wheat aside from seed requirements by May 1 and Northern States farmers by May 15.

HUNS MAKE RED CROSS A TARGET

The Startling Confession of a
German Officer.

INSIGNIA NOW ABANDONED

American Doctors And Stretcherbearers
No Longer Wear White
Armband And Red
Cross.

Washington.—American doctors and stretcherbearers working under fire in the American sector no longer wear the white armband and red cross, for years the international insignia for Army Medical Corps, according to advice received by Medical Corps officers here.

The General Staff of the German Army estimates the death of one American doctor equals the loss of 500 American soldiers and that one stretcherbearer is worth 16 infantrymen. German sharpshooters have been decorated for hitting the non-combatants engaged in aiding the wounded and as a result the men of the hospital units have ceased to wear distinguishing insignia.

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Both Sides Are Digging In.

Washington.—Both sides are "digging in" between Montdidier and Noyon, General Pershing reported to the War Department.

The report from General Pershing read:

"Summary of the battle along the British and French front:

"No new attacks launched by the Germans north of the Somme. South of the Somme and on the front from Marceval to Montdidier the Germans made heavy attacks. Between Montdidier and Noyon both sides digging in. The battle line on the evening of March 31 was as follows:

"Hamel, Marceval, Aubercourt, Hangard, Demuin, Moreuil, Mailly, Ranval, Souvellem, Gravignies, Cantiang, Fontaine Mesnil, Lamontsill, Aucourt, Rollot, Orvillers, Biermont, Roye, Plessier, Passel and along the Oise, Barisis."

Germans Aiming At Paris-Amiens Rd.

While the advance of the German armies in Picardy has come almost to a halt, there has been savage fighting on the extreme western edge of the battle zone. Encounters in which large forces have been engaged have occurred north of Moreuil, but there seems to be no decided advantage gained by the Teutonic invaders. They claim to have taken heights and to have carried wood in advance of their line near Moreuil, but the British say that they have driven back the enemy from positions they have occupied elsewhere in this sector.

The French lines farther south have stood firm against savage assaults, especially in the region of Montdidier and eastward of that place, along the part of the line which was subjected to a terrific strain for two days late last week.

TO PROBE ARMY-CHAIR JOBS.

Senate To Look Into Noncombatant Appointments.

Washington.—Following recent criticism of assignment of large numbers of army officers, including young men of draft age, to noncombatant work in Washington, the Senate passed a resolution by Senator Thomas, of Colorado, asking the War Department to give the Senate the number of staff officers stationed in the District of Columbia.

LEVER PREDICTS BREAD CARDS.

Says Congress Does Not Appreciate The Wheat Shortage.

Washington.—Representative Lever, chairman of the Agricultural Committee, predicted in the House that "we are not many months away from bread cards in this country." He was urging passage of a bill providing that the Government may loan money to farmers to purchase seed grain and had stated that most members of the House did not appreciate the seriousness of the wheat shortage.

SCOUT PATROL VESSEL LOST.

Converted Yacht Admiral On The Rocks Off Scituate.

Washington.—A naval patrol vessel, the Admiral, ran on the rocks of Scituate, Mass., and is a total loss, the Navy Department was advised. All officers and crew were saved and considerable small material was taken off. The Admiral was a converted yacht and was known in the naval service as a scout patrol vessel No. 967. It formerly belonged to Gordon Dexter, of Boston.

GERMAN LOSS PUT AT 300,000 MEN

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THE COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Teutonic Forces Make Desperate Attempts To Reach The Paris-Amiens Railroad—Both Sides Claim Success.

Washington.—A French official estimates the German losses in the great battle on the western front puts their total casualties at between 275,000 and 300,000 men. The Germans are sending most of their wounded to Belgium, it is declared, to conceal from the German people their heavy sacrifices.

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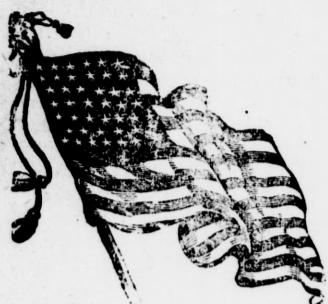
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BIG HUN DRIVE HALTED

THE latest crisis on the western front in France seems to be past. French and British valor have again halted the bloody, boasting Huns.

True, the barbarians have again over-run some 750 square miles of suffering France and a score of big towns and villages have fallen a prey to the brutal German soldiery. But they have dearly bought the territory they will occupy only for a season, for their losses are placed at 350,000 to 525,000!

This murderous failure is but a repetition of a similar one two years ago, when the Kaiser's precious young hopeful, the Crown Prince, eager to win his war spurs though it cost an ocean of German blood, in a five-months-long, folly immolated 500,000 German soldiers in a vain attempt to take that glorious pile of French rocks famous forever now as Verdun. A ruined fortress of no military value whatever, merely a heap of sacred, historic debris which French pride swore no vandal Hun's foot should ever pollute!

Thus again in Picardy, on the soil of France, is another world-devastating barbarian invasion stayed—the sixth, counting the earlier ones at Chalons in 451 when the Franks and Burgundians halted the Huns, and at Tours in 722 when the French general Charles Martel routed the Moors.

Although the danger is by no means quite over—for the Germans are within 12 miles of the vital railway center at Amiens, the key to the whole whole-transportation system of the Allies—the Hun invaders are once more "digging in"—a confession that for the present at least, they have failed.

Then it would seem that a merciful Providence has raised up a Moses who shall lead the Allied hosts on to final victory. The greatest figure among many illustrious warriors in the war has at last been recognized in the person of General Ferdinand Foch, said to be the most brilliant strategist since Napoleon, and to whose genius for war maneuvered the previous three great victories at Nancy, the Marne, and Ypres were due.

The insistent demands of the French, seconded by the wisest English generals, and later championed by our own military men, that a single leader be chosen for the Allied forces, has at last, after three costly years of divided efforts, been granted, and this great Frenchman, Foch, been given the high honor of Commander-in-chief of the armies of France, England and America.

General Pershing with equal modesty and wisdom has offered his American troops for immediate service on the hard-pressed Allied front.

These Allied hosts will now have to hold the Huns at bay until America can raise, equip and train three or five million more men, when Foch will speak the three magic words which will close the World's most awful War—"On to Berlin!" For the Allies' terms of peace must be dictated in the Kaiser's Capital.

But alas for the lack of wisdom which for three years in the face of the plainest warnings of imminent danger, refused to lift a finger to put our country in a position to defend herself! For this wretched, needless blunder will cost our land billions of money, and tens of thousands of yet more valuable lives—a terrible, double loss of the Nation's blood and treasure that would have been spared, had the Administration heeded the repeated protests of many leading patriots like Roosevelt, Gen. Wood, Gardner and others.

But in two years more, America (already, perhaps, one half awake to her terrible danger) will be able, by working day and night, every man, man and child in the land enthusiastic, helping, to land in France the great army of five millions which will give the proud, brutal Hun the

GOD AND DEMOCRACY'S STAKE.
The American people, indeed, have risked their all in this war—and it is a glorious thing to have done, for the needs and the ends amply justify it. If we are defeated it means not merely the loss of lives and treasure, but perhaps of our independence and our democracy. Yes, we may even say that if, with us, the allies are beaten and a peace dictated from Berlin shall result, it will set civilization back from three to five centuries, says the Living Church. Free democracy would, even so, sometime live again, but many generations would probably rise and fall before that would come to pass. Whatever progress we have made in solving the problem of democracy we have staked upon the outcome of the war—and wisely. With such a stake we cannot afford to lapse into hysteria. Amid all the rocking of the foundations of the world there is just one power that is absolutely stable, absolutely unshaken, absolutely certain to dominate in the final analysis, whatever be the vicissitudes that may come to pass. And that power is—Almighty God.

It is not only your wish and your privilege, but your duty as well to make the best possible use of your natural endowments and occult powers for your betterment, your upliftment, your enrichment in "body, mind and estate," says Nautilus. The plea that has often been put forth by the old thought that it may not be God's will that you should prosper in any but spiritual ways is nullified by the declaration of the Master's that "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"—unto which all else is to be added—and that God is "more willing to give good gifts to his children than they are to receive them." Being a part of God as the wave is a part of the sea, and therefore with the same quality, creativity and the same material from which to create, you have "in the house" the stuff from which to build a life and a living and the same tool with which to manipulate it as is used by God himself: Thought.

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ON SATURDAY THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 1918, at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz: ALL that certain three storied Brick messuge and lot of land situate lying and being in the City of Wilmington aforesaid and bounded and described as follows to-wit: BEGINNING and bounded southwardly by eighth (formerly Kent) Street eastwardly by Market Street westwardly by Shipley Street and extending up Market and Shipley Street about eighty-seven feet to a line (of late of Joshua Wallaston's) land be the contents thereof more or less

Seized and taken in execution as the property of Henry T. Bush, Administrator, d. b. n. c. t. a. of George W. Bush, deceased late of the City of Wilmington, Delaware. Surviving Trustee, Mortgagor, Walter D. Bush, eldest male heir of said George W. Bush, deceased, Surviving Trustee, Mortgagor and the Wilmington Institute, a corporation of the State of Delaware, t. t. and to be sold by

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the following described Real Estate, viz: ALL that certain lot of piece of land, situate in the City of Wilmington, aforesaid, bounded as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at the intersection formed by the northerly side of Fifth Street and the westerly side of Washington Street, then along Washington Street north thirty-two degrees, east sixty-four feet to a three feet wide alley leading into Washington Street, thence along the southerly side of said alley south fifty-eight degrees, east sixteen feet to a stake, thence south thirty-two degrees, east parallel with Washington Street sixty-one feet to the northerly side of Fifth Street and thence therewith north fifty-eight degrees west sixteen feet to the place of Beginning. Be the contents thereof what they may. With the free uninterrupted use and privilege of the above mentioned alley in common with others entitled.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of John J. Slater and Jennie Slater his wife, Mortgagor, and to be sold by

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Best cattle pasture in the state, Long Island farm on Delaware river plenty of water, grass and shade, one dollar a head per month.

J. F. FOX, Del.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

St. Georges Hundred

The taxable residents of St. George Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

R. S. Carpenter's Store, Port Penn TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 1918 From 9 to 11 A. M.

TOWN OFFICE, MIDDLETOWN, EVERY SATURDAY, DURING APRIL 1918 From 2 to 5 o'clock P. M.

Office of Lee Sparks, Odessa, Del. FRIDAY APRIL 26th, 1918 From 2 to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 24, VOLUME 21, "LAW OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED."

Section 2.—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January there shall be added one-half of one per centum per month until the same shall be paid.

T. EDGAR CLAYTON, Collector of Tax for St. Georges Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1917 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT FLEMING'S LANDING, MONDAY, APRIL 29th, 1918 From 1 to 4 P. M.

AT BLACKBIRD, SATURDAY, APRIL 27th, 1918 From 1 to 4 P. M.

RESIDENCE OF JOHN WALTONS, FRIDAY, APRIL 6th, 1918 From 1 to 4 P. M.

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JOHN BEITH, Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

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SHERIFF'S SALE—BY VIRTUE OF a writ of Lev. Fac. to me directed, will be exposed to Public Sale at the premises known as The Cedars situate in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle County, State of Delaware.

ON WEDNESDAY THE 17TH DAY OF APRIL, 1918, at 10 o'clock, A. M.,

the following described Real Estate, viz: ALL that certain three storied Brick messuge and lot of land situate lying and being in the City of Wilmington, aforesaid and bounded and described as follows to-wit: BEGINNING and bounded southwardly by eighth (formerly Kent) Street eastwardly by Market Street westwardly by Shipley Street and extending up Market and Shipley Street about eighty-seven feet to a line (of late of Joshua Wallaston's) land be the contents thereof more or less

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FOR SALE—Wagons and dearborns. J. C. GREEN.

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WANTED—White nurse girl, to care for two children, ages 7 and 10. Good home for right party. Address. P. O. Box 314 Middletown, Del.

FOR SALE—Maine Grown Irish Cob-beer Seed Potatoes. Phone 48. SHALLCROSS BROS.

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We have just received a large invoice of new designs in Wall Paper. The prices are very reasonable.

All the left over stock to sell at 5c to 10c single roll. Remnants 3c to 4c single roll.

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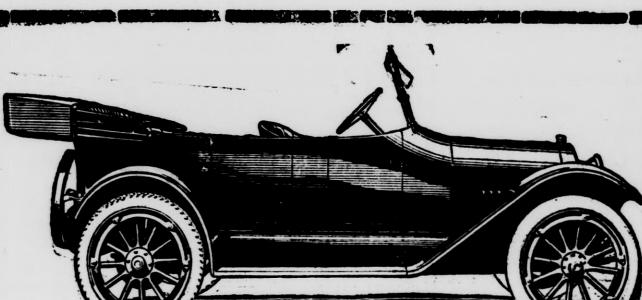
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AMERICANS ON BATTLE FRONT

France Accepts General Pershing's Offer.

ON PLAINS OF PICARDY

Khaki-clad Americans Singing, March Through Driving Rain And Wade Through Deep Mud, In Order To Get Into Position For Great Battle.

MARCH TO VICTORY

Courage is a matter of the blood. Without good red blood a man has a weak heart and poor nerves.

In the spring is the best time to take stock of one's condition. If the blood is thin and watery, face pale or pimplish, general weak, tired and listless, one should take a spring tonic. One that will do the spring house-cleaning, an old-fashioned herbal remedy that has been used by everybody nearly 50 years ago is still safe and same because it contains no alcohol or narcotics. It is made up of Blood Root, Oregon Seal root, Oregon Grass root, Queen's root, Stomach root, Black Cherry bark—extracted with glycerine and made into liquid or tablets. This blood tonic was first put out by Dr. Pierce in ready-to-use form, and since then has been sold by million bottles as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. If druggists do not keep this in tablet form, send 60 cents for a vial to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

Kidney disease carries away a large percentage of our people. What is to be done? The answer is easy. Eat less meat, eat coarse, plain food, with plenty of vegetables, drink plenty of water between meals, and take an uric acid solvent after meals for a while, such as Anuric (double strength), obtainable at almost any drug store. It was first discovered by Dr. Pierce. Most every one troubled with uric acid finds that Anuric dissolves the uric acid as hot water does sugar. You can obtain a trial package by sending ten cents to Doctor Pierce's Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N. Y.

Cuticura Soap Is Ideal For the Hands

Their Kind. What do you suppose the mermaids have for pets?"

"Ocean greyhounds and sea pussies, of course."

How's This?
We offer \$1.00 for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. It is taken internally and applied through the Blood on the Mouth Surface of the Stomach. Sold by druggists for over forty years. Price 75c. Testimonials free. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

His Idea.

Waters—He was stranded on a hidden bar.

Booze—Pinched in a speak-easy, eh?

You never can know how superior to others "parties" one Dr. Pierce's "Dead Shot" is until you have tried it once. A single dose cures out Worms or Tapeworm. Adv.

Did you encounter a lazy man who did not attribute his trials and tribulations to bad luck?

Act well for the moment and you have done well for all time.

Keep Yourself Fit

You can't afford to be laid up with sore, aching kidneys in these days of high prices. Some occupations bring kidney troubles; almost any work makes weak kidneys worse. If you feel tired all the time, and are subject to back, sharp pains, drowsiness, spells, headaches and disordered kidney action, use Doan's Kidney Pills. It may save an attack of rheumatism, dropsy, or Bright's disease. Doan's have helped thousands back to health.

A Virginia Case
Alex. Umberger, Spiller St., Wytheville, Va., says: "I had a steady, small of my back. Hard work and heavy lifting brought on the trouble. I had kidney trouble, the symptoms were irregular and painful in passage and duration. The trouble was so severe, I could hardly straighten. It was hard for me to get out of bed. Doan's Kidney Pills strengthened my back, and regulated my kidneys, and the benefit has been permanent."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 60c a Box
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
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Stops Neuralgia Pains
Why suffer from excruciating neuralgia pains when an application of Yager's Liniment will give quick relief?

This liniment is good too, for rheumatism, sciatica, rheumatic pain in chest, side, sprains, cuts and bruises.

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Thousands of mothers have found MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS an excellent remedy for children complaining of Headaches, Colds, Constipation, Feverishness, Stomach Troubles and Bowel Irrregularities from which children suffer at this season. These powders are easy and pleasant to take and excellent results are accomplished by their use. Used by mothers for 37 years. Sold by Druggists everywhere, 25 cents. Trial package FREE. Address, THE MOTHER GRAY CO., Le Roy, N. Y.

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FARM STOCK

CHEAPER RATIONS FOR SHEEP

Corn Stover and Oat Straw Form Important and Economical Part of Animals' Feed.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture)

American Army in France.—All the American troops have been turned over to the Allies for such use as they see fit to make of them. American troops may soon be fighting side by side with their British and French allies in the battle which is raging in Northern France.

It is enough to say that great activity of many sorts is in progress in the entire American zone. Miles of motor trucks loaded with ammunition have passed through the towns, some going in one direction, some in another. Through a driving rain the motor trucks plowed their way along muddy roads, the Americans singing. Many of the trucks had American flags fastened to their tailboards.

On other roads mile after mile of marching Americans splashed through the mud, which came over their ankles. The horses were steaming from the work they had to do. All the men are working as hard as possible, with the realization that they are to be of service in the common cause and used in the present conflict.

The following rations should give good results when supplemented by



Mutton and Wool in This Flock.

whatever small quantities of grain may be necessary for the health and thrift of the flock:

Ration 1:
Corn stover 2 pounds (amount eat not amount fed). Leguminous hay, 2 pounds.

Ration 2:
Oat straw, 2 pounds. Legume hay, 2 pounds.

Ration 3:
Oat straw or corn stover, 1 pound. Slage, 1/2 pounds. Legume hay, 2 pounds.

Coffey, at the Illinois experiment station, found that when fed to yearling wethers with corn and corn silage, corn stover and oat straw gave practically the same daily gains per head. A third lot getting alfalfa as the dry roughage gained slightly more.

Satisfactory gains have never been made in fattening lambs when corn stover or oat straw has formed the sole roughage. When used with leguminous hay (leguminous hay and silage) and the usual grain ration, the gains have been slightly smaller than those obtained when nothing but leguminous hay was used, while the cost of the ration has been considerably decreased.

SHEEP FIT IN WITH FARMING

Produced More Economically Than Any Other Live Stock—Graze on Noxious Weeds.

Sheep, in proportion to the value of their products, are produced more economically on the farm than any other live stock; the feed and labor requirements are less. They fit in with practically every kind of farming; get much of their subsistence from forage, from grazing weeds and grass that would not support other stock. They eat almost no feed that has a value as human food, and need less grain than other animals. They add materially to the farm revenue, but add very little, relatively, to the farm expense.

BEST FOR BUSINESS FARMER

Fact Remains That Purebred Animal Is Best Suited for Utility Purposes on Farm.

Farmers used to think that purebred animals excelled common stock only in show qualities, and that for utility purposes they had no additional value. But it has been proved that every show point has a vital connection with utility qualities, and after all is said about the uselessness of fancy points, the folly of fine pedigree, and the absurdity of high priced ancestors, the fact remains that the purebred animal is the common-sense animal for the business farmer.

Killing Hogs for Meat.

Hogs can be killed for meat any time after eight weeks, but the most profitable age at which to slaughter is eight to twelve months. An animal in medium condition gaining rapidly in weight yields the best quality of pork.

Coughs and Pneumonia. Coughs and pneumonia from dusty beds may incidentally be prevented if louse-infested beds are oiled. Breathing dust may cause death from pneumonia and certainly renders hogs less resistant to cholera.

KIDNEY SUFFERERS HAVE FEELING OF SECURITY

You naturally feel secure when you know that the medicine you are about to take is absolutely pure and contains no harmful or habit producing drugs.

Such a medicine as Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, kidney, liver and bladder remedy. The same standard of purity, strength and excellence is maintained in every bottle of Swamp-Root.

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A sworn statement of purity is with every bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

If you need a medicine, you should have the best.

If you are already convinced that Swamp-Root is what you need, you will find it on sale at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.

However, if you wish first to try this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper—Ad.

The Makers.

Booth Tarkington, the novelist, met in a New York book store a young lady who was buying books to send to the soldiers.

"I think I ought to send them serious, heavy books—history and so on—don't you?" she doubtfully inquired.

"Good gracious, no!" said Mr. Tarkington. "Send them novels, rousing novels, and nothing else. History? What do they want with history? Why, they're making it!"

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. Made in America and sold for more than half a century—Ad.

Disappointed.

Sylvester, aged four, was sent to bed as a punishment. While saying his prayers he remarked:

"Oh, Lord, I have asked you to make me a good boy and you haven't done it, and I am very disappointed in you."

FRECKLES

New Is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots

There's no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as the precious ointment—double strength—is guaranteed to remove them.

Simply get an ounce of ointment—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it daily and morning and night should soon see the ugly spots disappear, while the lighter ones begin to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to cover the skin and make a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength ointment, as it is not under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles—Ad.

Why Sambo Keeps His Mule.

"Why don't you get rid of that mule?"

"Well, suh, I hates to give in. If I was to trade dat mule off he'd regard it as a personal victory. He's been tryin' fo' de las' six weeks to git rid of me!"—Everybody's Magazine.

Putting Her Foot in It.

Not long ago a miscellaneous party of visitors was being shown over a ducal palace. One of them, a stout, overdressed woman, feeling herself so kindly considered above her fellow sightseers, turned to the housekeeper and said:

"And how is the duke? He wasn't very well when I saw him last."

"His grace has a slight cold," replied the housekeeper, "but otherwise is in the best of health."

After allowing the company sufficient time to recover, the lady resumed:

"And how is the dear duchess?"

"The duchess, madam, has been dead these thirty years."

Their Awful Plight.

She—And what was your most terrible experience during your two years in the trenches?

He (grimly)—The night—

She—Yes, yes?

He—When, with the Boches only 100 yards away—

She—Go on!

He—and gas bombs raining and liquid fire cursing upon us—

She—Yes, yes!

He—When we suddenly discovered—

She—Go on!

He—That there wasn't a cigarette in our whole detachment!

All She Could Be Sure Of.

Mr. Brown, widower, had advertised for a housekeeper. On the applicant's arrival, Mr. Brown was out and his three-year-old daughter answered the door.

"What's your papa's name?" the girl asked.

After a pause the little girl answered:

"I don't know what it was before he was married, but it's Mr. Brown now."

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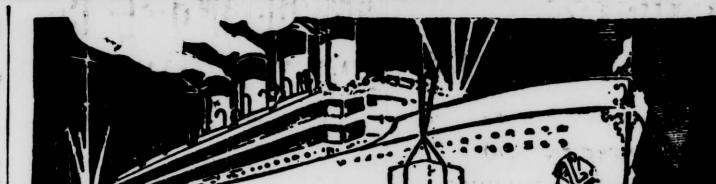
The foe is as hard to kill as an old hedge fence—but we'll get him.

After a man has acquired a certain amount of wisdom he would rather add to it than display his meager hoard.

Their Idea.

"What is the principle of repeating rifles?"

"I suppose it is to make every shot tell on the enemy."



Following the sun with WRIGLEY'S

Vision for a moment, those far off ports beyond the trackless seas—

From Arctic ice, to the torrid lands beneath the Southern Cross—

From towns tucked in the mountains, to the busy river's mouth—

WRIGLEY'S is there!

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TO WIN THE BATTLE FOR LIBERTY

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We are gladly doing our best to serve her and help win her War for Freedom, sending both our sons and our money. While our own business is to us of the highest importance, our Country's business is still more important. Therefore we esteem it a privilege to devote this full page advertisement to the Great Cause of the 3d Issue of America's Liberty Bonds.

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Loan Uncle Sam part of your money now, with interest; or, hand it all over later to the Kaiser! You

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Must win this War for Freedom—Your Freedom!

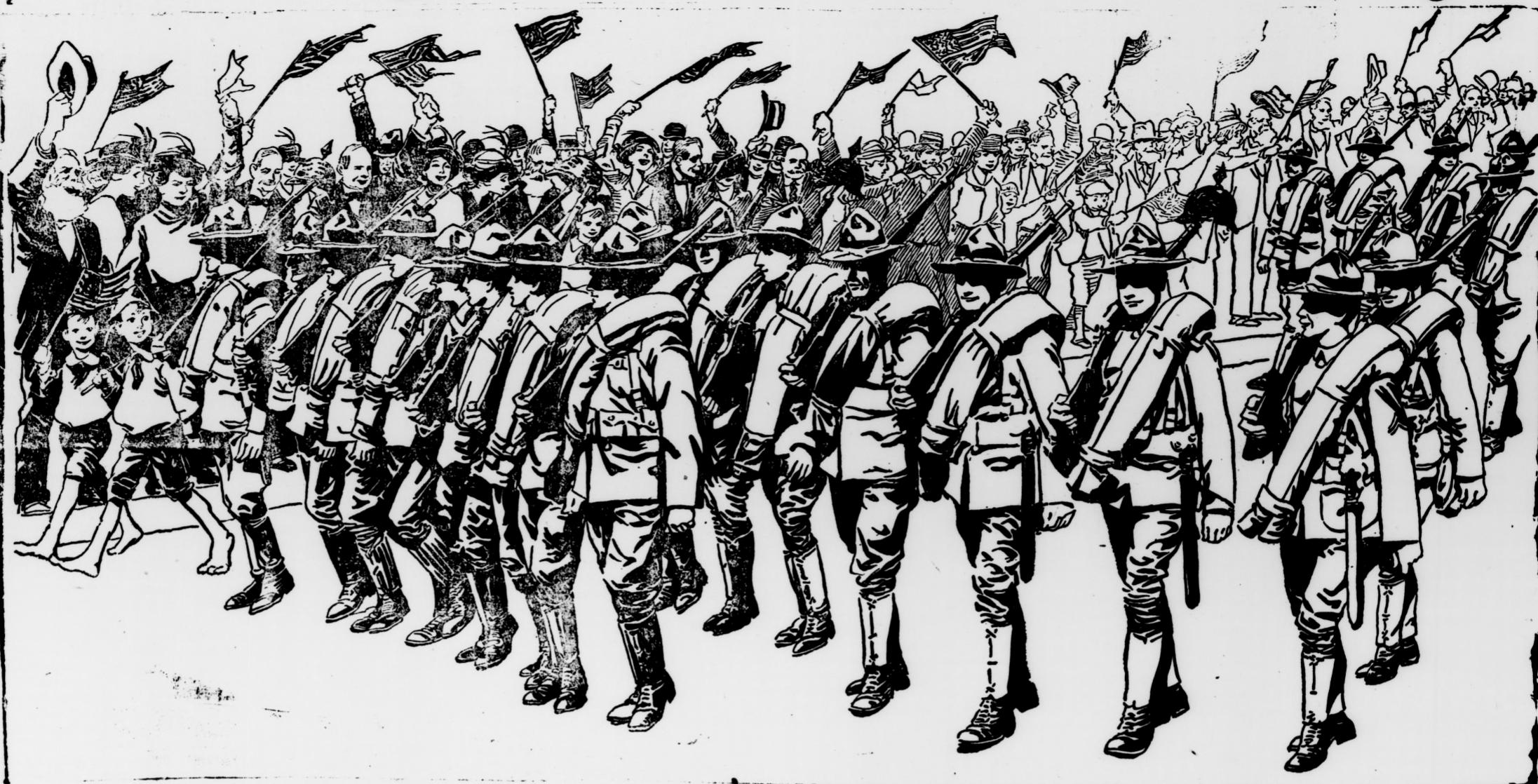
Your brave Boys over there are giving their life blood. Will you refuse to lend a little of Your Money? Those Heroes, fighting to protect YOUR property YOUR Homes, YOUR Lives, are giving their all—their very lives! You are only LENDING your Money to protect those Liberties.

If you have not already subscribed, we will be glad to receive your subscriptions. CALL PHONE 117. You can buy Bonds as low as \$50, and pay for them by instalments. Patriots all over the land are denying themselves many things to be able to help their Country. Will you not also gladly do so?

Then
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ANYONE
refuse who by any means can

**BUY A
LIBERTY
BOND!**

Will You HELP Bring Back The Boys of This Community?



Our boys, the boys from this town and this county and this state, are fighting the Huns. They are in the trenches in France, they are sailing the U-boat-infested seas, they are going "over the top" in the face of German cannon and machine gun fire.

Many, many more of our boys are now training and will soon be in France, and more are yet to be called.

Will You Help to Bring Them Back?

Will you help to provide them with the things they need, with clothes and food and munitions, that they may complete as quickly as possible the terrible task assigned to them?

Will you support our boys while they are fighting for us, fighting the German autocracy that seeks to destroy our ideals of liberty and justice?

And, remember, these are our boys; those who are near and dear to us. They are doing their ALL. They are giving their ALL. They are prepared to make the extreme sacrifice that our homes, our town, our nation, may escape the ravages of the Hun.

We want them—one and all—to come back to us—

Compared to their heroic sacrifice our part is but small—that of providing the funds to keep them equipped; to build and man the ships that will transport their food, their clothes, their guns and their ammunition, and to pay for these things.

Yes, we, the people of this community, will support our boys.

We will do it by buying bonds of the Third Liberty Loan; by buying all these bonds we can; by making such sacrifices as are necessary to do this. That will be our support for Our Boys.

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